Committee to study the entry of Foreign TV and Radio

1019. SHRJ T. VENKA fRAM REDDY : Will the- Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to slate :

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to study the entry of foreign TV and Radio in India; and

(b) if so, the composition, terms, reference and other details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY Of NFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING (SHR! K. P. SlNGH DEO) : fa) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecast of Regional Programmes

1020. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDI': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecast of the region programmes on Doordarshan has been increased; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to telecast them throughout India and abroad *]*

THF MINISTER OF STATE OF THF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIK. P. SlNGH DEO): *(a)* *Yes, Sir.

(b) Tbe programmes of the regional language satellite channels can be viewed in all parts of *the* country with the help of an appropriate dish-antenna.

Availability of Doordarshan Programme in Middle East

1021. SHRl T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is making any efforts to reach Indian population presently living in the Middle East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan is considering to introduce a 3 hours service in the morning from Monday to Friday primarily targetted to non-resident Indians living in the Midde East and other parts of Asia. The proposed service wiH consist of news, music, serials, film based programmes etc. Since the proposal is stil/ in its formative stage, the details of the revenue likely to be earned cannot be indicated at present.

Discootir uation of 'World this Week"

1022. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: WiH the Mini;ter of IN FORMATION AND BROADCAS TING be pleased to Staie.

(a) whether there is any proposal to discontinue telecasting of programme oi Hed 'World This Week';

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that this programme telecast for the last year was very popular;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to launch any new programme in its place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?